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**FEAR WINTER RAINS ON IRVING AVENUE**

VERY BAD CONDITIONS ARE COMING TO LIGHT IN THE EASTERN PORTION.

According to various reports that are being made in relation to the improvement of Irving avenue, especially along from 29th to 38th street, the conditions there are also very bad and are steadily growing worse. In some places there seems to be a movement of the ground—a slide, like that between 18th and 19th streets.

In other places the north side of the improvement, according to complaints that are being made, is stumbling away, falling down the more or less steep slope. In one or more places the north half of the street has already gone or threatens to go.

"Before spring," said a gentleman last evening, who had been over the improvement a few days ago, "there will probably be very little left of it. It's in bad shape, especially in two or three places."

While it may be easy to exaggerate the importance of such matters, especially if the reports of property owners whose interests are threatened are listened to, nevertheless it would appear as if the facts in relation to Irving avenue east have not been magnified. Perhaps by the time the winter rains are over much of this improvement will have been swept away. The conditions are deplorable, potentially at least. With the improvement will go thousands of dollars that have been sunk in the matter by property owners. It seems inevitable that there will be a heavy loss somewhere, and inasmuch as many of the individual property owners had already elected to let their property go rather than pay the assessments, it would appear as if there will be trouble in the future to secure more funds for repairs or new assessments, while much of the property is apparently bound to go to the city.

A curious thing has been discovered in relation to the Irving slide at 18th street. Fully 100 feet away, under one of the corners of the Foard & Stokes hall, now used as the armory, the ground is rising and is seemingly lifting one corner of the structure with it. Those who are present that this bit of rising ground away out in the bay is caused by dirt that subterraneously has been carried from the top of the slide; that, for example, the hundreds of cubic yards of earth placed in the sink hole last fall by the contractor simply sank into a subterranean cavity and has gradually worked its way out under the waters of the bay, coming to the ground surface under the Foard & Stokes building.

**AN ATLANTIC MARINER IN ASTORIA'S MIDST**

CAPT. J. H. FRUETT, OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS HERE

The register of the Hotel Occident yesterday revealed the presence in this city of Captain J. H. Pruett, of Brooklyn, New York, with his wife and child, and this might have passed with the current courtesy of the hour at a mere mention, had it not developed that Captain Pruett is the national president of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots, with headquarters in New York City, which, in a sea-port like this, is a significant and interesting fact and entitled to much farther inquiry and elucidation. And to this end a reporter for the Astorian sought the gentleman out at the office of the Columbia River Bar Pilots' Association, and enjoyed a pleasant chat with the chief representative of the country's mariners.

Captain Pruett is a comparatively young man with a capable, resolute, convincing manner and evidently a thorough master of the intricate and responsible interests he stands for, as well as a master, par excellence, of his great trade.

He is out on the coast for the purpose of revivifying the interest of the association's membership out here and bringing the neglectful and indifferent back to a realizing concern as to their share in the great work the main body is doing for the guidance and protection of its people. There are a large number of masters mates and pilots on the Pacific who have belonged to the Association, but who have allowed their interest; and their dues to flag to a point where it has behooved the main group to send the president out here to inquire into it. He is visiting all the coast ports from Puget Sound to San Diego, and his visits have met with much encouragement everywhere. He was in touch with the leading mariners of Astoria yesterday and seemed to enjoy the day as much as they did who met him.

The main association endeavors to keep in sharp touch with its membership and to offer them its service when occasion requires, or when any of them get into trouble ashore or afloat, with owners consignees, government inspectors, etc., etc.

It also stands for the bettering of the laws of the country as applied to the safe, convenient and expeditious handling of vessels under all circumstances, and frequently submits amendments that qualify and simplify the codes and duties of all engaged; and in this behalf, it has already 25 specific amendments to offer for the consideration of Congress this winter, in abatement, clearing-up, and unifying some of the graver errors conceded to exist in this great and busy field. One of these is to relieve the federal inspectors of the necessity of personally conducting the trial courts in cases involving the credit and the license of ships' officers, and turning this function over to a board of practical men in the same business and of equal rank with the alleged delinquent, while the inspectors go on with the numerous and exacting duties of their office, leaving the handling of the complained-of masters, mates or pilots to the board chosen and endorsed by the inspectors themselves. There are many other provisions the master mariners would like to see adopted in their interests, but none of them are in the light of new laws, but rather as amendments to laws already in force and respected, but which might be made simpler and more effective, if pruned of some of their dubious and confusing interpretations.

Captain Pruett will leave this morning for Portland where he will attend a large meeting of his fellow-craftsmen and discuss the interests of the hour as he understands them and seek for active and open expression in this valuable premise.

**Rights Of Way**—Judge Bowby stated yesterday that while he has not signed deeds for a right of way across his lands for the proposed electric line, that he has not refused to do so. He said that he has delayed doing so for the reason that he wished to look into the matter, and because he believed that the line was not routed across his lands in a proper manner. As routed it crosses the property from one corner to the other; Judge Bowby also thinks it will seriously interfere with his dykes, and for these and other reasons that appear forcible to him has delayed in granting the required right of way. According to this presentation of the matter, it would appear as if his interests and rights were not considered in the least by the surveyors. Other property owners have objections somewhat of a similar nature. It is understood that Mr. Christensen, for example, would like the line to run in front of his place and has offered \$500 in cash in addition to the right of way if it be routed in a manner suitable to him. But as far as can be learned none of the prop-

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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Child Dies**—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes of Alderbrook, died yesterday morning after a short illness, and was buried last evening, the interment being in Greenwood.

**Off For California**—Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of Mr. Stafford's health this winter, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Stafford, of Seaside, will leave tomorrow evening for a winter's visit with kinsmen and friends in Alameda, opposite San Francisco. His many friends trust the change will be beneficial to Mr. Stafford.

**Visiting Friends**—J. E. Meehan, of Portland, the well known seiner, and owner of the Meehan Sands in the Columbia which are usually leased to the Tallant-Grant Company, was in the city yesterday on a visit to friends, and especially to his son-in-law, William Dugan, the well known newspaper man. Mr. Meehan will return to the metropolis this morning.

**Thanksgiving Party**—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Willis, and Mrs. A. J. Monroe, of Portland, and Salem, respectively, have been Thanksgiving guests of Captain and Mrs. Percy Willis, at Fort Columbia, and after an outing most thoroughly enjoyed, went homeward last evening on the Portland express.

**Funeral Today**—The funeral of J. H. Diamond, who died Friday at his temporary home at Tenth and Franklin, will be held today, the services being at 1 o'clock at the home. Mr. Diamond came originally from Michigan, and had come to Astoria to work at his trade. He leaves a wife and two children. Decedent was a member of the Masonic lodge and the funeral today will be under the auspices of that order. Burial will be in Greenwood.

**Insurance Rates**—Insurance rates on dwelling houses are materially lower, according to Bretham Van Dusen, and there is much activity among the owners of homes now in securing insurance. Since October 1 there has been a reduction in rates in various respects, dwelling houses reaping the advantage as much or more than any other item. The basic rate for detached dwellings before October 1 was 60 cents, and now is 40 cents.

**A Poetic Truth**—The name of the man who wrote the following lines is unknown, but he should have a place in the Hall of Fame: "You'd scarcely expect one of my age in merchandising to engage and hope to get a paying trade without the local paper's aid. And yet I did that very thing. I opened up my store last spring—this month the sheriff took my stock and sold it at the auction block. Don't view me with a scornful eye, but simply say as I pass by: 'There goes a fool who seemed to think he had no use for printer's ink.'—Calpa Reporter.

**Filling Lots**—Considerable progress is being made on the improvement of Jerome avenue, between 16th and 17th streets. The contractor, E. A. Gerding, has sublet some of the work of excavating a part of the street to several laborers and they have laid narrow gauge tracks and are trundling away the earth rapidly. It comes in handy in filling some of the nearby lots, and at present the earth is being placed in Wherity's lot, and later the men will fill up Grafke's and Dunbar's lots, also, it is said.

**Registration Slow**—The registration is coming in so slowly that there seems something peculiar about it, and unless there is an entirely unexpected rush during the next few days the registration will probably fall off at least several hundred. It is estimated that there should be a registration of 1800 while at the close of the day yesterday there were only 1310 names on the books. When the registration books closed just before the primary election there were 1169 names, and since then only 141 men have taken the trouble to get their names down in the books. The time to do so is short, as the books will close for good on the afternoon of December 4, which is only a few days off. With an expected registration of upwards of 1800 the list is now about 500 short.

**"Pay Up, Please"**—While about 100 ladies have made application to join the Athletic Club the formal organization among the ladies has not yet been completed, but it is expected this soon will be done. At a meeting last night of several of the ladies who have been authorized to act in the matter it was decided to again make request for all the applicants to pay in their initiation fee of \$1, and the first month's dues of 75 cents. Those who wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the athletic organization will have to make the small payments, and payment will naturally be taken as an evidence of good faith and interest in the matter. Of course the project of the athletic club is a pretty big matter, and it will inevitably have to be run on a strictly business basis to insure its success. Payments should be made to Mr. Prael at the office of the Astoria Box Company.

**Next Tuesday**—The Idon Dramatic Club will produce at the Uppertown hall Tuesday, December 1, the well known Finnish play, "Rationelt Fjoastell," "El Huggending." The club is a strong one and has a reputation for effective work and an excellent performance is promised. Prices of admission will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

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**PERSONAL MENTION**

Thad Young is down from the metropolis and is quartered at the Hotel Occident.

G. B. Andrews, of Moscow, is in the city on business and is domiciled at the Merwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cummins are now in Montreal, in attendance upon the bedside of Mr. Cummins' mother, who is alarmingly ill.

Thomas Jones, of Corvallis, has arrived in the city and has accepted a position in the well known drug house of Frank Hart. Mr. Jones is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohannon.

First Lieutenant J. Prentic, of Fort Stevens, was in the city yesterday for an afternoon's outing.

Messrs. M. E. and M. R. Lolla, departed for Duluth yesterday morning on a business trip of several weeks.

J. P. Lamin, of San Francisco, is in the city on matters of business.

C. W. T. Koch, of Chicago, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

C. W. B. London, representing the great firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Company, at Portland, was in the city yesterday in the interest of his principals.

R. G. Muse, of Portland, spent the day here yesterday on a business quest.

**Special Communication**—There will be a special communication of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M. at the lodge room, at 12:30 o'clock p. m. today, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late brother, J. H. Diamond. By order of W. M.

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**LEAPED WITH BABY.**—NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Rebecca Levy, 35 years old, leaped from the third floor of a burning tenement house in the Bronx early today with her two-year-old daughter in her arms. Both were seriously injured. Nearly a score of tenements were overcome by smoke but were rescued by police and firemen. The fire started in the basement and swept quickly up the elevator shafts.

**The Leading Lady.**—As she supposed, Josephine, the captain's daughter, had fallen in love with a common sailor on board her father's ship, but by the lucky turn of fortune he proved to be the captain. Mrs. Harry Flavel, a lyric soprano, is a comparative new singer in the city and will be heard at her best in the difficult role of "Josephine," and is sure to please all who hear her in the comic opera "Pinafore" at the Astoria Theatre, Thursday and Friday evenings, December 3rd and 4th.

All photos taken before December 20 will be finished promptly, regardless of weather. Carter's Studio, 11th and Commercial.

**Special Offer.**—To the Ladies of Astoria: Mrs. Hawks, 519 Duane, proposes to furnish materials and make garments for \$25 to \$50, all suits from \$45 up, to be fully equipped with silk linings. For a limited time only. Place your order soon.

**Overfatness Condemned.**—Fat, or even fattish, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand is for lines, not curves, and govern themselves accordingly. That means OFF with the fat. It has become a duty. Many are trying exercise or dieting; but it is certain they will find these methods too slow and unreliable. The cheapest and safest way to get in form for the Directoire mode is by means of Marmola Prescription Tablets. Any druggist (or the Marmola Company, Detroit, Mich.) will give you a large-sized case of these elegant little fat reducers, containing a good, generous supply, for 75 cents, and even this quantity should be enough to make a decided impression on your excess fat. Many have lost as much as a pound a day.

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**NEW YORK STOCKS.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Last week's reaction in stocks was extended under the influence of early apprehension regarding the effect of Andrew Carnegie's advocacy of an abolition of duties on steel on the revision of the tariff. A violent rebound was caused by the listing of Southern Pacific stock for provision to meet the exchange privilege of the preferred stock, the inference being drawn that an important financial plan was to follow. After the rebound the market was unsettled and irregular. The Erie bond issue and the New York City and Denver and Rio Grande bond sales served notice of the capital requirements to be met. Continuous sales of American securities from foreign sources kept up the rate of exchange to near the gold export point.

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